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By the way, I felt a need to respond, as this site <http://www.codeweavers.com/~jwhite/tunney.html> run by a competitor of Microsoft's is lobbying for poeple to negatively respond about the settlement.

I feel that the proposed settlement is a GOOD IDEA. It is fair and not overly harmful to a corporation that is desperately needed by this country. Microsoft is a true innovator and their ability to innovate should not be hampered. Already we are seeing litigious activity by AOL who aquired Netscape specifcly as a result of Netscape's poor business dealings. Netscape has a poor product that they gave up on and when their stock price reflected this, AOL plucked them, taking advantage of their low stock price. Now, they wish to sue Microsoft, whose innovation and development coupled with Netscape's poor management and development efforts assisted AOL in being able to afford Netscape. How can AOL claim damages, when if Netscape would have had better management and no competition, AOL would not have been able to buy them.

The easy way to do the 'right' thing

- 1.. Open an email window to [microsoft.atr@usdoj.gov](mailto:microsoft.atr@usdoj.gov) (with a subject of 'Microsoft Settlement').
- 2.. Read through some of the many comprehensive resources on this case and the Tunney Act proceedings:
  - a.. Dan Kegel's excellent collection of resources (mirror is here).
- 3.. Pick your favorite problem with the proposed judgement. One is fine; hopefully a lot of people will be doing this.
- 4.. Compose a simple, polite, email describing the problem and how you feel about it.
- 5.. Send the email, and if you like, bcc (important do not cc) us at [tunney@codeweavers.com](mailto:tunney@codeweavers.com).
- 6.. [Optional, but nice] Print your letter out (maybe reformat it a little), and mail it to:

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